## Stella Berti's Marguerite A Hit in the Academy 'Faust'

HIS Satanic Majesty was cheated in a bargain last night. When the curtain fell upon Gounod's "Faust," which was presented at the Academy of Music by the Royal Italian Opera Company, Faust was still kneeling by the dead Marguerite, Mephistopheles having taken himself off home alone. In the prologue he had proved himself not a Salamander by burning that the curtain calls, several repetitions, and a bountet for the prima domna. "Rigoletto" will be repeated to-night, "Cavalleria" and "Pagliacci" to-morrow afterneon, and "Carmen" to-morrow afterneon, and "Carmen" to-morrow night. SYLVESTER RAWLING. himself not a Salamander by burning his fingers in the infernal fire and showing that it hurt.

Again there was a large audience to encourage Mr. D'Amato in the belief that his one-dollar opera has come to stay. Yet the performance was anything but a happy one. The schorus was ineffective. Surely the men could have put returned to St. Nicholas Garden after more force, at least, into the singing of an absence of several years, and opened the hackneyed Soldiers' chorus. A much a series of summer concerts last night. smaller number in the Van Den Berg Their reception was most enthusiastic. company, at the West End Theatre, and the greater portion of the audience sings with more sonority. And better stayed to the end through a programme ork might be expected of the orchestra, made up largely of heavy Wagner Mr. D'Amato has a capable conductor music. in Boccalari, and the two together Mr. Kaltenborn has drawn his musi-

ought soon to effect a reform.

Stella Berti's Marguerite went far to justify the production. She effaced the memory of her Santuzza, and enhanced that of her Micaela. In the garden scene she was charming. The King of Thule Song lacked something of archness, but the Jewel Song she did very well. Again, in the final trio, her voice showed delinious quality. She should stell to the blond herones.

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Faust found an unromantic-looking representative with a small voice in Alemani. Perini was a lithe and sardonically humorous Devil, but the tremolo and roughness in his voice were drawbacks to enjoyment. Fratodd's

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Valentin was not nearly as effective as his Tonio. His voice showed signs of tiredness. Virginia Colombatti sang rather prettily as the hybrid Slebel. Mine. Montana was a fairly good Martha, and Cass was Wagner. The ballet

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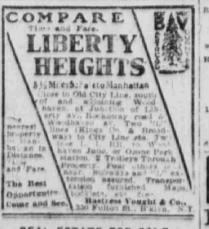
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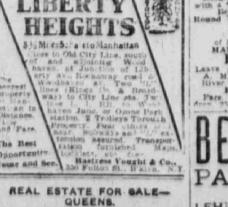
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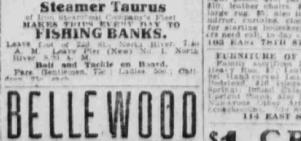
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